

COUNTRY East Germany SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT NO.

TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains and Supply Shipments by Rail

EVALUATION see below 25X1A

DATE OF CONTENT 17 April to 19 May 1953

 25X1A DATE PREPARED 29 May 1953

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. Troop trains identified from railroad records between 14 and 19 May 1953 included: 25X1

<u>Date in May</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
14	an undetermined number of boxcars, 15 flatcars and 1 tank car	Boetzow	Welzow
17	30 boxcars and 22 flatcars with ammunition	Magdeburg	Finow
18	21 boxcars and 21 flatcars	Velten	Welzow
19	44 tank cars with gasoline	Velten	Frankfurt/Oder

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2. On 18 May, a train carrying 21 T-43 tanks and 4 JSU-249 passed through the Cottbus railroad station. The train came from Kamenz and went to Peitz. ²
3. The following shipments were listed in railroad records between 17 and 27 April:

<u>Date in April</u>	<u>Shipment</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
17	1 flatcar	Welzow	Lindau
	1 flatcar	Welzow	Velten
20	2 boxcars	Peitz	Uhyst

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21	1 boxcar	[redacted]	Uckro	Weinboehla
27	1 boxcar and 1 SS-type flatcar		Weisswasser	Cottbus

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- 25X1A 1. [redacted] Comment. The two troop trains continue the movement from the Boetzow area to Welzow which started [redacted] 25X1
- ~~25X1A~~ [redacted] on 11 May 1953. [redacted]. Only units of the twenty-Fourth Air Army are stationed at Welzow. Further conclusions on the unit transferred to Welzow cannot yet be drawn.
- 25X1A 2. [redacted] Comment. It appears improbable that Kamenz should have been dispatching station of the tank shipment as, in the summer of 1952, Kamenz post was handed over to the KVP (air) by the Soviets. Rather it is believed that the train came from the Koenigsbrueck area. The information indicates that the train carried materiel only.
- 25X1A 3. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] 25X1B
- 25X1B [redacted]

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